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I, too, agree to this amendment. I believe that what I would ultimately like to do is greatly reduced and frustrated by people's desire to let the TERC have a little more time. Time is what I'm afraid if they are given, things will become even worse. This amendment satisfies, though, two of my fundamental problems. One is that I believe that the current group of three has a camaraderie, it's us against the world. By adding a fourth member, that panel of three now has many different combinations so you don't have this us against the world mentality. You'll rotate one in, rotate one out, it's a different dynamic and it will start to have more of a focus on what the issues are rather than our personalities and what are they trying to do with us. It interjects a different dynamic which I think will be positive. The other is, obviously, the move towards more realization and more recognition that there are some very legalistic things that need to be done. Although we maintain the two lay people, the adding of an additional legal perspective is helpful. I'm willing to give them additional time to look to see if this solves the problem, and would join in those who want to take and re-examine this issue in the years to come. Mr. President, I hope people will vote for this amendment and, also, adopt the committee amendments. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Wickersham, there are no further lights. Did you wish to close on your AM2027?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. President, again, from the perspective of persons who think that perhaps at some points during the discussion we might have been overcritical of TERC, I agree that they have had a difficult task. They have been asked to start up which they have done. In general, I think that they have done a good job, but it has recently that my concerns have arisen, and I think that the proposal that we have before us now will help improve TERC and cause it to be a little bit more of what we envisioned when we started. It has a very, very important function, and I don't think that the fact that we are now paying attention to it some five years after its start-up is unusual. I don't think it's unheard of for a Legislature or other decision-making body to look back five years after the